

BAND SYLLABUS–2023-2024

Welcome!!! The following contains important information about the Band Program here at Rockwood. Students and parents should read over the following information together. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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BAND

***I don't expect you to be the best but I expect you to do your best.

*** We practice on our own and rehearse as a group.

***Band rehearsal is not a time to practice our individual part, it is the time to learn how your part fits as a whole.

*** I will never lie to you except, "1 more time."

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will:

- ❖ Demonstrate knowledge of band music notation
- ❖ Develop basic sight-reading and ear training skills
- ❖ Demonstrate improved instrumental technique
- ❖ Demonstrate independent and part playing
- ❖ Demonstrate musical concepts and terms
- ❖ Demonstrate listening skills, analytical abilities, creative expression required for the music performed
- ❖ Demonstrate appropriate classroom/rehearsal behavior
- ❖ Fulfill attendance requirements for rehearsals and performances

ENSEMBLE BEHAVIOR:

The bands that are put together are essentially music teams. The actions of any individual can either help or hinder the entire ensemble in both rehearsal and performance. Self-discipline is not optional: IT IS REQUIRED. Repeat offenders will be removed from the class at the director's discretion.

- ❖ **I, as the teacher, have the right to discipline the student as I see fit, whether it is making them sit out or writing them up due to disciplinary actions.**
- ❖ Be prepared for class- Instrument/music/book/pencil/practice!!!!
- ❖ Participates appropriately during rehearsal
- ❖ In seat and quiet when ready to begin
- ❖ Quiet during rehearsal when not playing/ while the director is working with other sections
- ❖ Student is to look over their music and write in notes they do not know while teacher is working with other students
- ❖ Demonstrates correct posture while playing
- ❖ Respect for self, others, and teacher
- ❖ If you use the practice rooms, throw away all trash in the room.
- ❖ Noone is to be in the back room, without my permission, except to get your instrument.

PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS:

- Be prompt and in your chair
- Participate in all classroom activities- playing/singing/clapping/etc.
- Be prepared- have music and pencil- practice to the best of your ability
- Clean up after yourself. Instrument/mallets put away/ no music left on music stands
- Only play your instrument. If you are not a percussionist you are not allowed to play them
- No food, GUM, drinks- water is allowed
- PERCUSSIONISTS:** Must put away all mallets, cover instruments and take music (A point will be deducted from grade if things are left out)

MATERIALS:

- Instrument
- Pencil
- Book/Music

CONCERT ATTIRE:

Girls:

White top
Black bottoms- pants or skirt
Blacks shoes (black socks if needed)

Junior High

Guys:

White Shirt
Black Pants
Black shoes/Black Socks

Senior High Attire:

All Black
Black shoes

(Prefer no jeans**)** If anyone needs assistance with getting clothes for the concert, please let me know******

PERFORMANCES:

- If the concert is missed due to an excused absence (sick on the day of performance or approval by director), a make-up assignment will be assigned and will be due within one week of the student's return to school. A make- up assignment can be completed for up to 70% of the normal performance grade.
- Written excuses may be considered when submitted 4 weeks prior to the concert if the excuse is valid.
- Unexcused absences for performance will result in no points being issued for that performance
- Performances are the means by which the skills learned in class are evaluated
- Performing for an audience is a primary focus of this class. Therefore performances are required

GRADING:

- ******Lesson Grade****** This is new for Junior High. Jr. High is now being scheduled for lessons. They are required to attend 5 lessons a marking period. They will have a rehearsal grade and lesson grade in the grade book. Their lesson grade will be 20 points for the required 5 lessons they attend. This will give flexibility for tests and other classroom materials that they can not miss. (100 pts.)
- Performance attendance (100 pts)
- Each rehearsal is 6 pts- 2 pt for Behavior, 2 Pt for Preparation, 2 Pt for participation
- Folder checks (5-10 pts)
- Assignments (10-20 Pts)
- Pop quizzes

IMPORTANT DATES:

Christmas Concert: December 12, 2023 at 7:00Pm

Spring Concert: April 25, 2024 at 7:30pm

County Band: Nov. 29 and 30th, 2023

District Band Auditions: November 19th, 2023 (N. Cambria)

District Band Festival: January 11-13th (Bellwood)

Regional Band Festival: February 22-24 (Bald Eagle)

